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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN, LT

SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE UNGA: LESOTHO

REF: A. MASERU 1073; B. STATE 243327

1. CHARGE CALLED ON ACTING PERMSEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS VINCENT MALEBO TODAY TO DETERMINE LESOTHO'S POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AT UNGA IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR'QS DEMARCHE TO PRIME MINISTER OCTOBER 8 (REF A).

2. MALEBO SAID THAT SUBSEQUENT TO AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PM, GOL HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO LESOTHO DELEGATION AT UN TO SUPPORT FULLY U.S. POSITIONS ON KOREAN ISSUE, SPECIFICALLY TO VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND TO SUPPORT U.S. ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES. MALEBO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT LESOTHO DELEGATION NOT INSTRUCTED TO CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO PERSISTENT QUESTIONS AS TO WHY LESOTHO WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR, MALEBO WOULD SAY ONLY THAT THIS PARTICULAR POINT DID NOT SEEM TO "MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE" IN LIGHT OF GOL'S FULL SUPPORT ON OTHER POINTS. CHARGE ADVISED HIM IT DID INDEED MAKE A DIFFERENCE, THAT FAILURE TO CO-SPONSOR WOULD INDICATE DIMINISHED GOL SUPPORT AS COMPARED TO PAST YEARS, AND THAT IT WOULD BE NOTICED AT HIGH LEVELS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT. CHARGE SAID MAIN PURPOSE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PM WAS TO SECURE CO-SPONSORSHIP. GOL DECISION WAS THEREFORE SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT TO US, ESPECIALLY AS WE HAD MADE DIRECT AND URGENT APPEAL TO LESOTHO FOR HELP ON ISSUE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO U.S. CHARGE INFORMED MALEBO WE NOW HAD FOUR AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS BUT NONE IN SOUTHERN OR EAST AFRICA, AND THIS ONE REASON WE EMPHASIZING IN STRONGEST TERMS OUR NEED FOR LESOTHO'S CO-SPONSORSHIP.

4. MALEBO SAID HE WOULD AGAIN INFORM PM OF SERIOUSNESS OUR VIEWS. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE GOL POSITION WILL BE CHANGED FROM THIS SIDE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS STILL A CHANCE OF SECURING CO-SPONSORSHIP, BUT IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER WE COULD CONVINCE KOTSOKOANE. HE SAID KOTSOKOANE'S TRAVEL PLANS IN U.S. HAD CHANGED, AND KOTSOKOANE NOW EXPECTED DEPART U.S. FOR LONDON BY OCT 19. MALEBO ALSO THOUGHT PM WOULD PROBABLY TRY TO SPEAK TO KOTSOKOANE BY TELEPHONE TO

CONSULT ON KOREAN ISSUE NEXT FEW DAYS.

5. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, KEY TO SECURING LESOTHO'S CO-SPONSORSHIP NOW LIES IN CONVINCING KOTSOKOANE. OUR GUESS IS THAT GOL INSTRUCTION TO UN DELEGATION ALLOWS FOR CONSIDERABLE DISCRETION ON KOTSOKOANE'S PART, AND IF HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO RECOMMEND CO-SPONSORSHIP, GOL WILL READILY ACCEDE. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT OR USUN MAKE FURTHER APPROACH TO KOTSOKOANE, DEPENDING ON HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, USUN PROCEED WITH DEMARCHE TO SEFAKO (REF B).  
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